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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Senator Tobey's Request to Navy

1. The Navy Department has received a letter from Senator Tobey, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce requesting a contact and data in connection with an investigation on economic defense measures. The Navy, through Commander Cragg, on February 19 consulted this Office with respect to the Agency's view on their reply because of the intelligence implications.

2. After consultation with the Office of the Legislative Counsel and ONR, OIC stated to Commander Cragg that the attached draft to Senator Tobey was satisfactory to this Agency inasmuch as it seemed a reasonable answer and diverted attention away from intelligence.

3. For your information it is known that Senator McCarthy is conducting a comparable investigation with respect to shipments to China and has sent a letter to the State Department and, it is understood, is sending one to the Secretary of Defense asking for a point of contact and information pertinent to that subject.

4. The Legislative Counsel informs me that this Agency has not received any similar letters from either Senator McCarthy or Senator Tobey.

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